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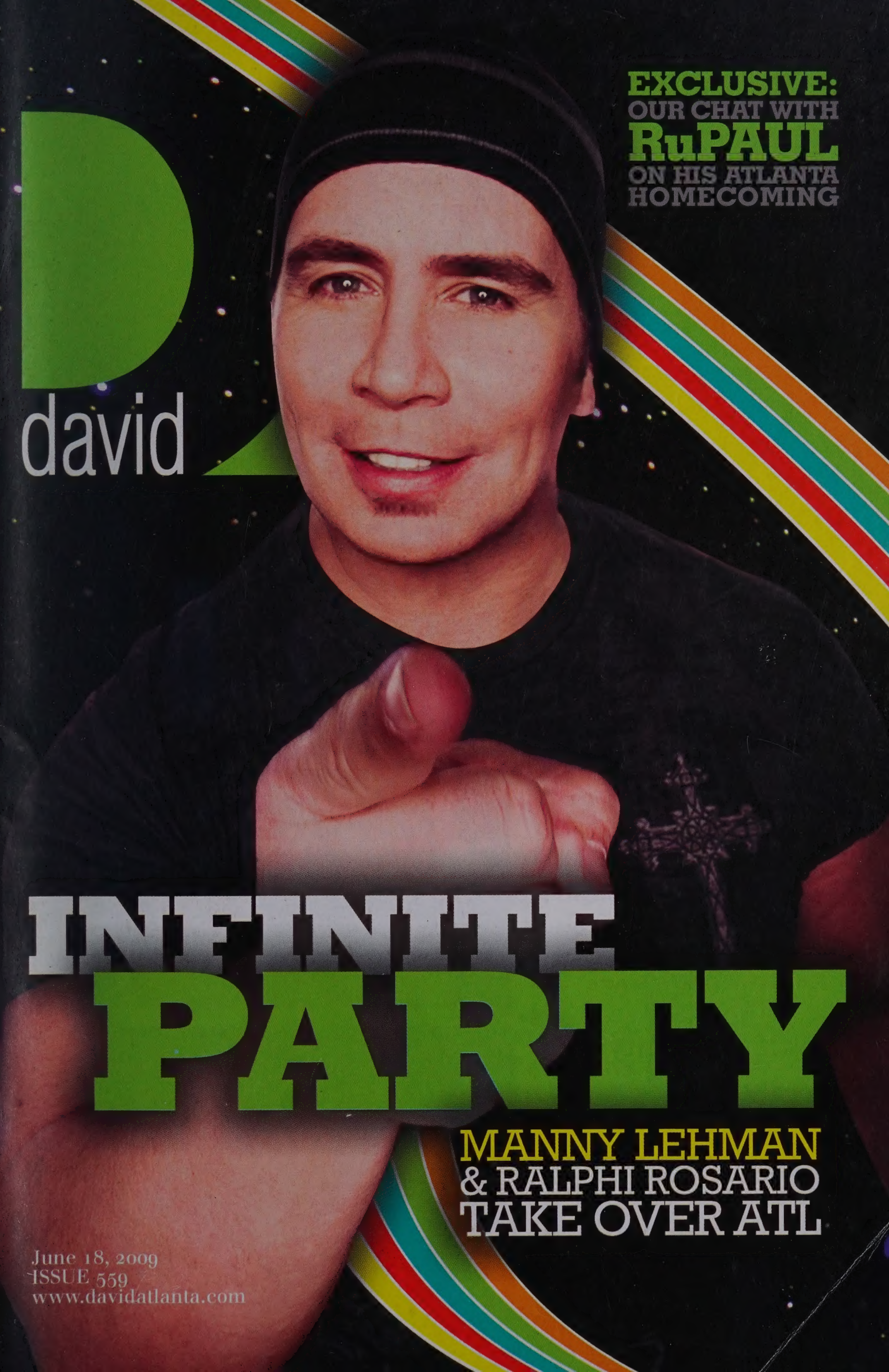

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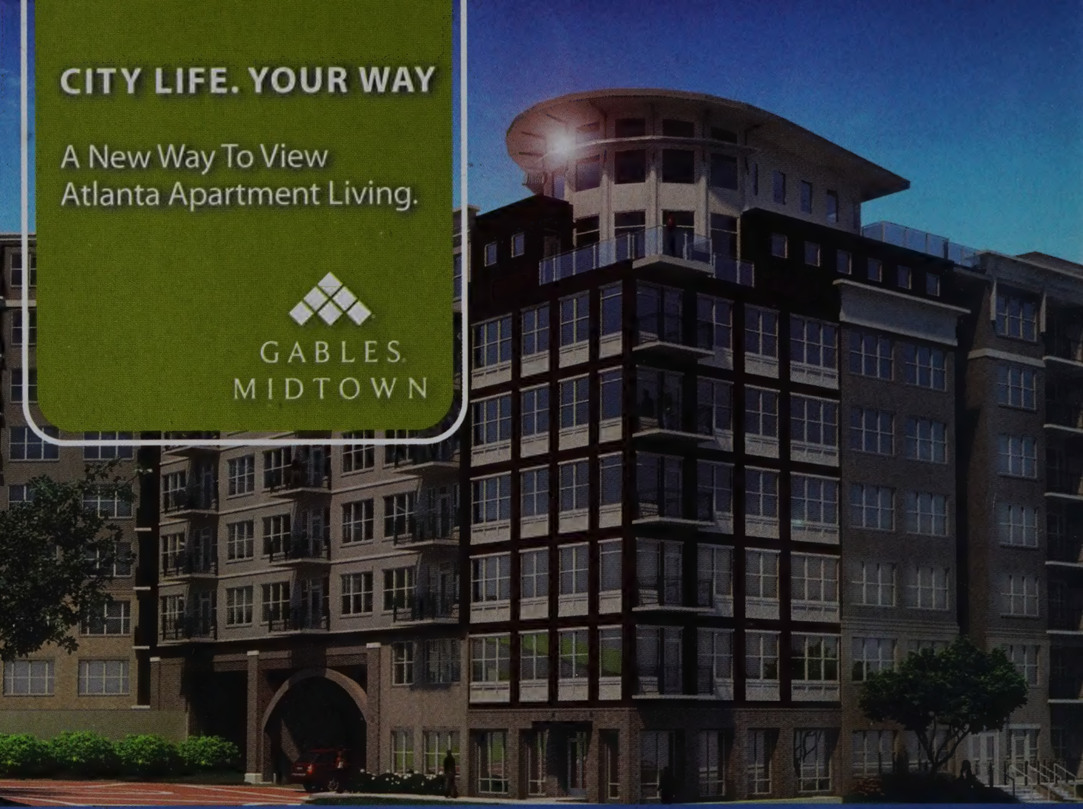
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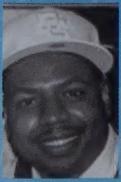

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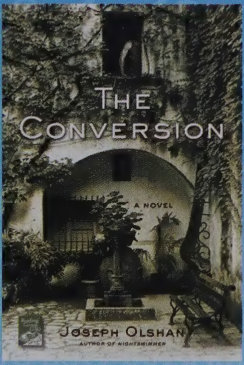
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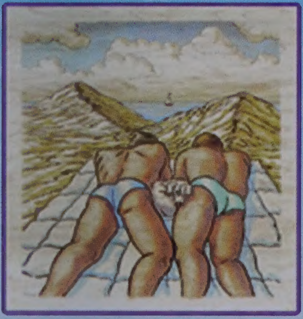

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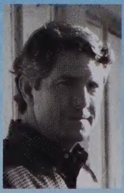

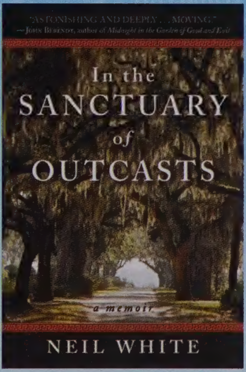
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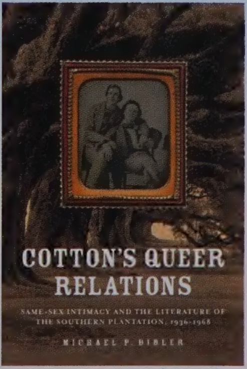
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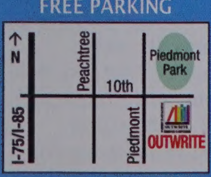
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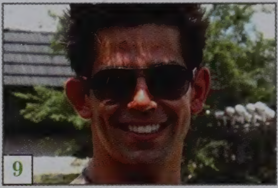

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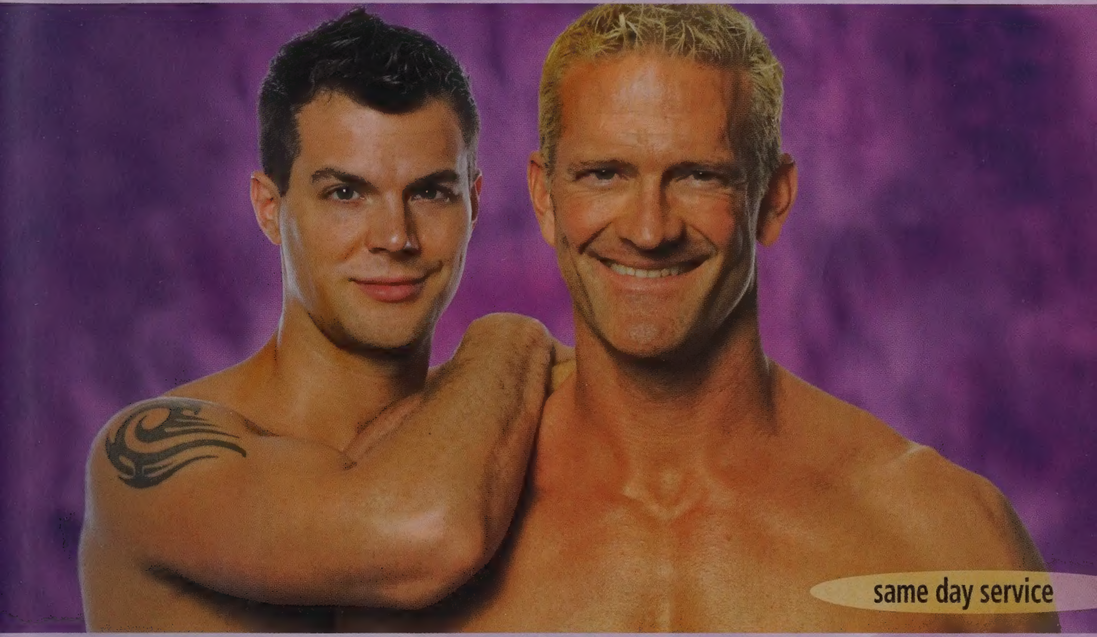

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by Topher Payne

Say Cheese

A snapshot of my 10-year-old self

I'M AT THE PARK PLAYING catch with Jackson, the 10 year-old boy I'm taking care of this summer. Jackson's sister and I have found plenty of activities we mutually enjoy — in the last week we've done book binding, jewelry-making, I took her to Starbucks … but Jackson has been more of a challenge.

Basically, if it doesn't involve a ball being served, bounced, thrown or kicked, he ain't interested. I'm getting slightly better with practice, but I don't think you'll want me in your company softball league anytime soon.

"Oh look! It's Davy! He's in my class!" shouts Jackson, waving to a boy on a bicycle.

Davy rides over and offers to play catch with Jackson, which will give him the chance to actually practice his pitching, instead of gingerly lobbing the ball at his well-intentioned manny. The relief on Jackson's face is palpable when I hand my glove over to his classmate. I ain't exactly shedding tears over it myself.

More kids walk up and join Jackson and Davy. Before long, there's a makeshift game forming. I feel like I've fallen into an episode of "The Andy Griffith Show." This actually happens? I'd heard about this sort of thing, but have no memories of it from my own childhood.

THEN THERE'S A NEW KID on the scene. He's a pudgy kid wearing swimming trunks and an adult Gap T-shirt which fits him like a caftan. He runs into the middle of the game greeting everyone with wild enthusiasm, asking to be included in the game.

I didn't know that eyes rolling actually make a sound, but when eight kids do it simultaneously, I swear you can hear it.

Jackson, who is apparently in charge since he was here first, announces a water break and heads over to me.

"Who's that?" I ask.

"Oh. That's Garrison. He lives up the street. He's really weird."

"That's not fair, Jackson. Everybody has different interests. You and I like different stuff, and we're friends."

"No, Mister Topher. Garrison has a Cheese Club. He's the only member. He goes to Whole Foods and tries cheese, and then he writes about it in a notebook. He's just freaky and gay."

My eyes widen, and I give him Sheryl Payne's Patented Mother Expression #105, commonly known as "What the hell did you just say to me?"

"I don't mean gay like you," he explains. "I mean the annoying kind of gay, like on T.V."

Thank you, media. Thank you so much for that. And thank you closeted celebrities for preventing us from having a broad spectrum of public images. Sorry, that's another topic.

"Jackson," I say, friendly but firm. "Whether Garrison likes boys or girls is not even up for discussion until y'all start looking for people to date. And even if he does like boys, that's not a reason to not be his friend. That's silly. Yes, he is weird, but weird gay kids grow up to be cool guys like me and Mister Preppy, and don't you want him to learn how to play baseball now instead of when he's old?"

Jackson sighs heavily, hands me his water bottle, and assigns Garrison to a base.

GARRISON PROCEEDS TO stage a one-man musical at his base, with elaborate improvised choreography and a variety of character voices. At no time does he make the slightest attempt at playing baseball. He is a very odd child, and could very well be the obnoxious reincarnation of my 10-year-old self.

I'm spending my summer with a popular, athletic kid, and I can't help but wonder what I would've done if I'd been stuck with Garrison instead. Would I have explained to him that he's only making things harder on himself? Would I warn him of the impending nightmare of middle school, where boys like him are bullied by students and disdained by teachers?

Nah. I probably would've just sang along and joined his damn cheese club. Watching from the sidelines, as Garrison does jazz hands while the ball rolls past him, I know the best place for me to do my work is here, with the inside track on the popular kids that it took me 20 years to find.

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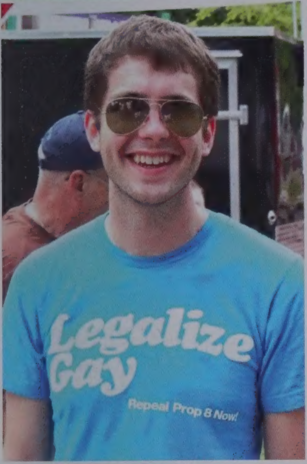
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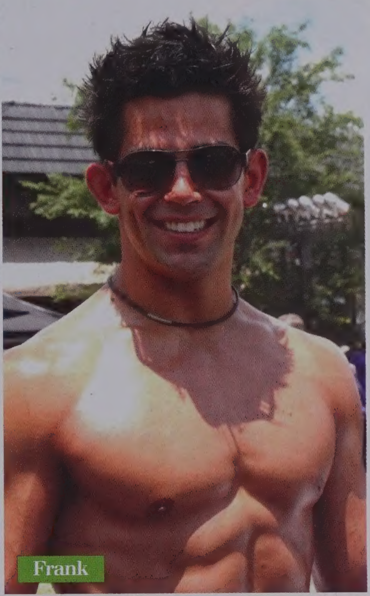
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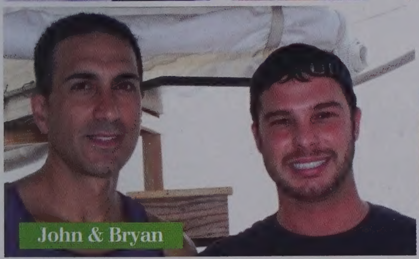
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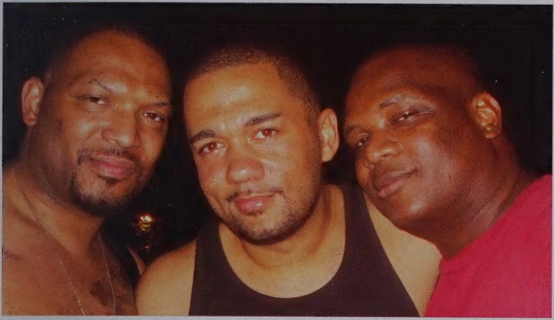

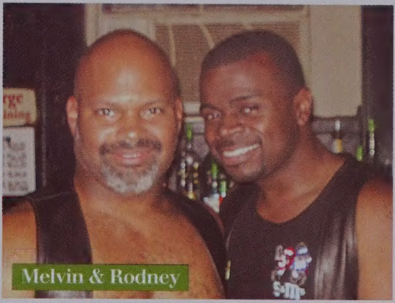
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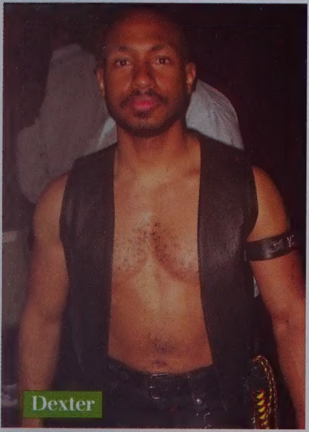
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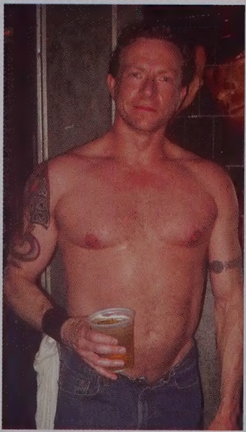

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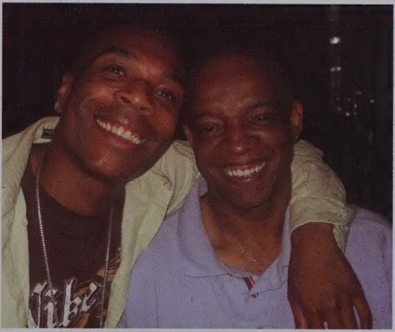

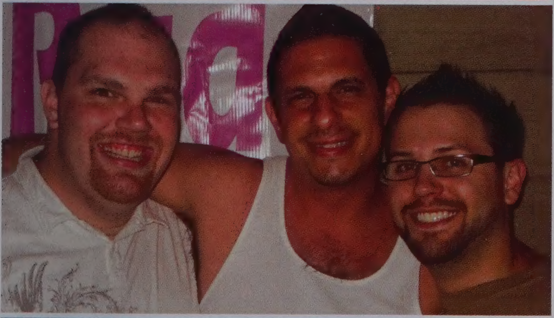

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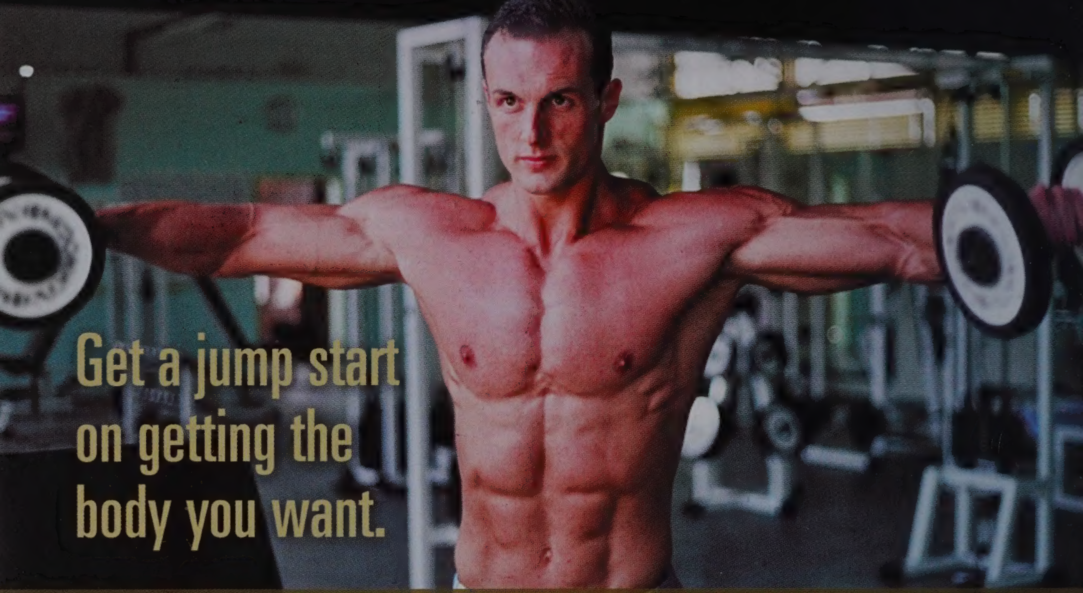
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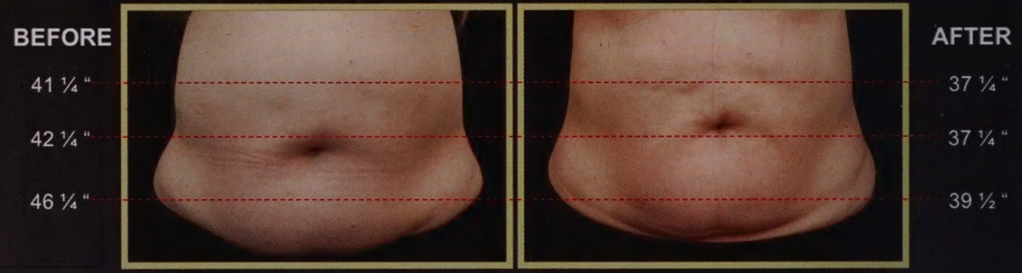
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"NO FUCKING WAY, MICHAEL. I don't believe you," Chase groaned dramatically.

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"Nope! Put your own damn phone up for grabs. And please explain to me how it's humanly possible for you to accurately guesstimate how hung someone is just by watching their crotch?"

"It's a tricky and complicated science. You wouldn't understand"

"No, seriously. I want to know who co-signed on this print-watching merit badge you think you've got."

"Well, though it so frequently slips your mind, I happen to be a man and ..."

"So being a man gives you X-ray vision now?"

"No, but being a man has provided me with a few insights that you as a woman may never fully possess. That's all I'm saying"

"What in the world are you children in there talking about?" someone shouted from the kitchen.

"Nothing Mom!" I replied.

WHILE IT MAY APPEAR TO BE a bit tacky discussing such matters with one's parent within earshot, this was exactly the type of conversation that's always taken place in our house for as long as I can remember.

We were groomed to always present ourselves as perfectly reserved, well mannered, and highly disciplined, as any good Baptist family should. But beneath all the frills and etiquette, we were also constantly encouraged to live our lives and express our opinions with authenticity, just as long as we didn't make a fool of ourselves or the rest of the household in the process.

After pretending not to hear the specifics, my graceful matriarch drifted in to add her always invaluable two cents to the conversation.

"Nothing my tail," she said "'Insight a woman may never possess' ... I heard every foolish word. I'll have you know that women hold the patent on all insights. Now, if you've borrowed or picked some up along the way don't confuse them for your own. I'm sure I can call 'em out as good as or perhaps even better than you."

"Mama!" I belted out. Not in shock, mind you. Mostly I was disappointed that she'd left such a skill set off her list of things to make sure I knew how to perform on my own before I moved out.

HOWEVER, SHE THEN TOLD us the story of a guy she'd dated not too long ago and how their late-night talks began heating up. Then one evening while "honey dripping" on the phone, as she likes to call it, he gave his disclaimer that the reason he doesn't initiate sex with women is because his "horse is usually a little too big for the stable."

Our jaws fell open. Not only was she about to prove her expertise, but it seemed that she might be in possession of concrete evidence to back her up claim.

"So what happened?" We asked in unison.

"Well we went out a couple more times and I just watched him real close," she said, demonstrating with her eyes how to discretely make a thorough and still lady like glance without looking like a crotch-thirsty trollop.

"I may presently be single, but I was married for 16 years. I know what dangerously big is when I see it, concealed or otherwise. That man just wanted to trick me out of my britches and I am nobody's fool."

And in one fluid motion, she smiled, rose from her seat, and ordered us to, "quit fussin' and come help me put up these dishes."

Chase rose and with quiet reluctance, I followed behind her. But not before she threw me a shoulder shrug and an eye roll signaling her saddened acceptance of our earlier discussion.

After all, it was no longer just some biased allegation. Clearly talent of this sort runs deep in my bloodline. And frankly neither of us was prepared for my mother to prove this to be truth any further than she already had.

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO MARQUEE DJS, each of whom is a headliner in his own right, team up to offer a back-to-back double billing? One of the biggest party nights (and mornings) that gay Atlanta has experienced in quite awhile.

Griffin Productions brings DJ Ralphi Rosario to the Heretic for the opening act on June 20, and then the party shifts to the Body Shop, where Griffin Productions & C2 Productions present DJ Manny Lehman.

"Ralphi Rosario and Manny Lehman in the same city on the same night?! Are you kidding me?!" says Alan Collins, who runs Griffin Productions and is a manager at the Heretic. "I still can't believe it! I've been in the business for 15 years and I can't remember a time when Atlanta has had this kind of opportunity.

"These guys, individually, are two of the nation's top DJs and bringing them to Atlanta on the same night will be amazing," he adds. "And the best part is, they are not competing parties so you don't have to choose. You can have both."

With Atlanta not hosting a summer Pride for the first time in decades, Collins says he hopes that the Rosario-Lehman mega party can help fill the void. The promoters are thrilled to have someone of Lehman's star power spinning in Atlanta until the sun comes up.

"It's been a long time coming," says Chris Coleman of C2 Productions. "He's always wanted to do an after-hours set here. When Alan told me about Ralphi being here, the first thing in my head was, I hope Manny is available, and he was!"

"This will be a night people will be talking about for a long time," Collins predicts. "The Bodyshop has not had a DJ of this caliber since Fernando Jardim brought Abel and it was packed wall to wall. I don't want to jinx it but our expectations are pretty high."

David caught up with Rosario before he took off for Atlanta, and he says he can't wait to party with his Atlanta boys:

***David*: You being double-billed with Manny Lehman is quite a night for gay Atlanta — can you talk about how you're going to make the most out of a night that many people are looking forward to?**

DJ Ralphi Rosario: By playing my heart and soul out! [Laughs]. I always appreciate the chance to introduce what I've been working on, as well as my little fun things I add to my sets. Whether it be a blast from the past, or a twist on a piece of music we're not used to hearing the same way ... I've always left my floor entirely satisfied!

Have you formed any thoughts about Atlanta or the gay scene here based on your previous gigs in Atlanta?

I've come to learn that Atlanta appreciates a DJ that is hard at work. Every time I've come to play, it's been such a treat! I can usually tell that

Ralphi Rosario

Manny Lehman

Rosario photo by Bret Grafton, Lehman courtesy Lehman

they've been WAITING for it! [Laughs]. It's nice to be appreciated in Atlanta.

Any particular mood you're in as far as the music you play? Any particular artists or tracks that you're really excited about now?

I'm usually pretty upbeat in most of my sets, and I like the energy that's created between myself and the crowd. It's a give and take relationship I've always had with my dance floor. I'm most excited about my new Pussycat Dolls remix of "Hush Hush." I've got a few other little surprises, including my first Solo project in like 10 years! I'll be debuting one of the versions in Atlanta...Most excited!

What other projects are you working on now, in terms of touring and being in the studio?

I just finished up The Pussycat Dolls. I'm currently working a few other major artists, one of them is the return of Vanessa Williams. I'll be traveling pretty much the rest of the summer. Never a dull moment [laughs].

Anything you'd like to say to your Atlanta fans, or folks who might not have partied with you before?

I love my Atlanta boys! Every time I've played, they've come out to support and I appreciate it very, VERY much! Kudos to all the wonderful people of ATL! Come down to a summer preview of all the great music coming out this summer!

Ralphi Rosario spins June 20 at 11 p.m. at Heretic, 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road, 404-325-3061, www.hereticatlanta.com

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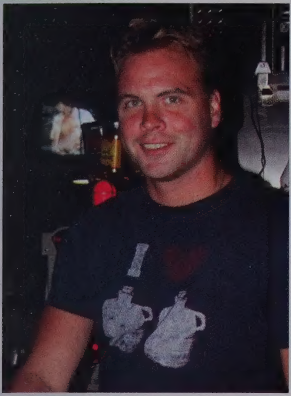

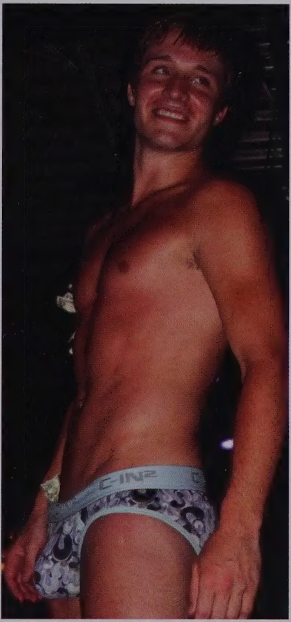

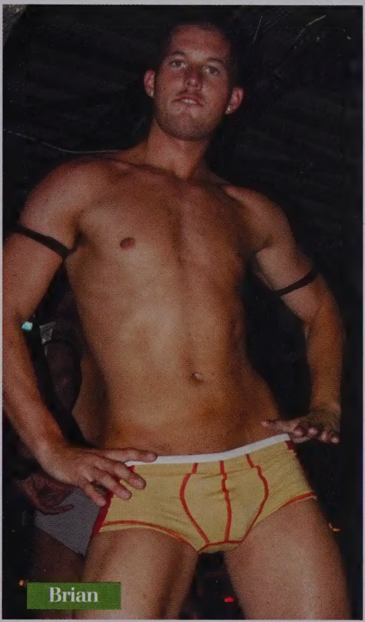

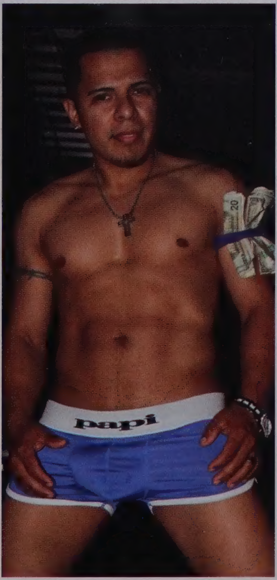

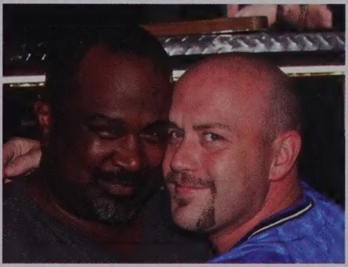

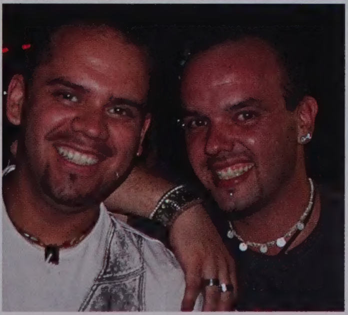

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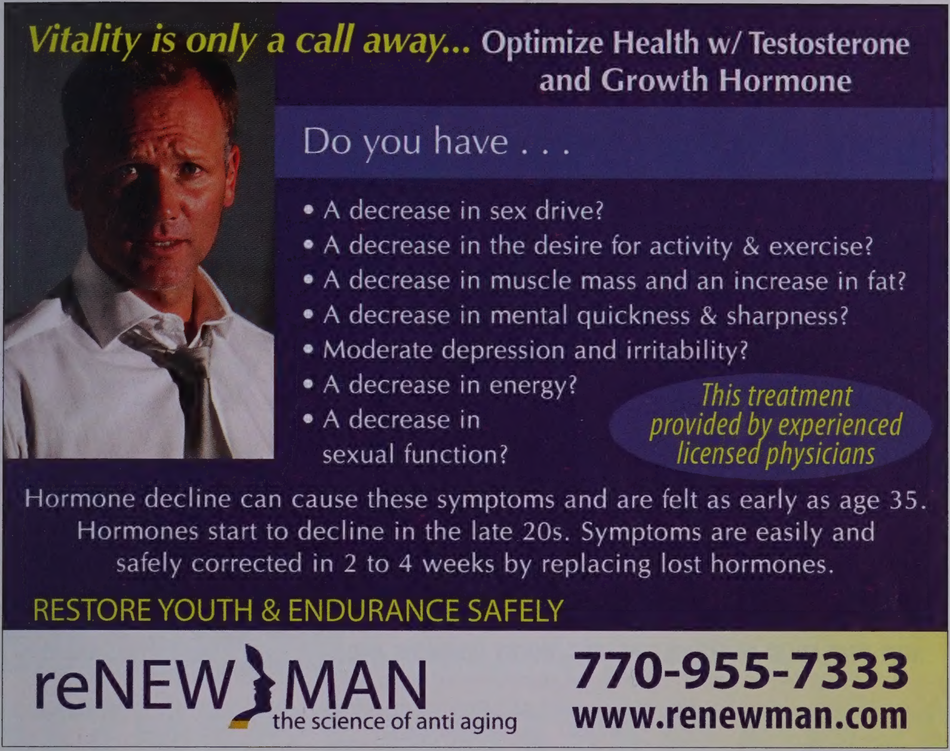

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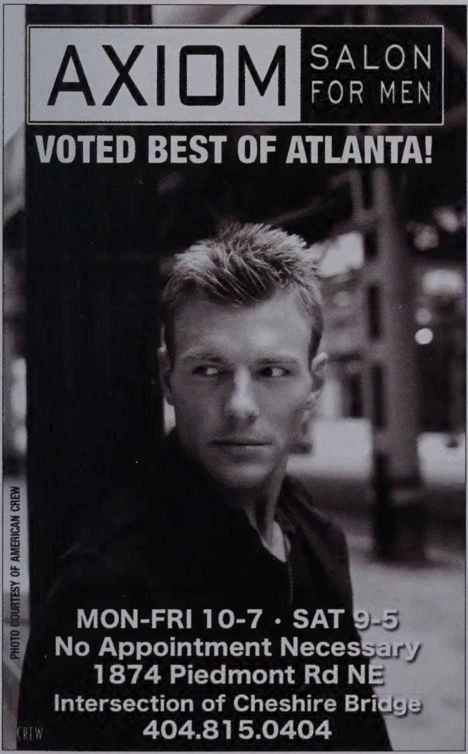

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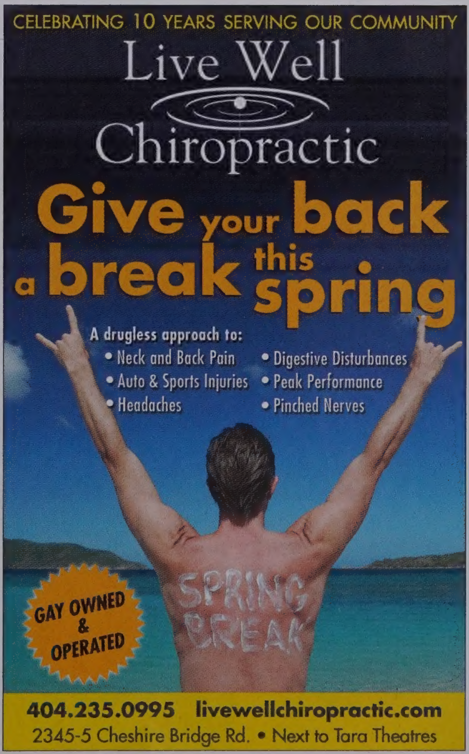

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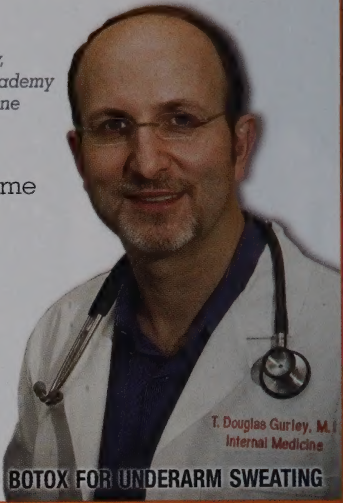

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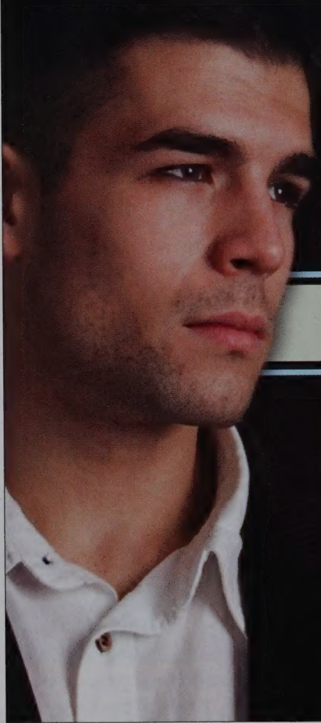

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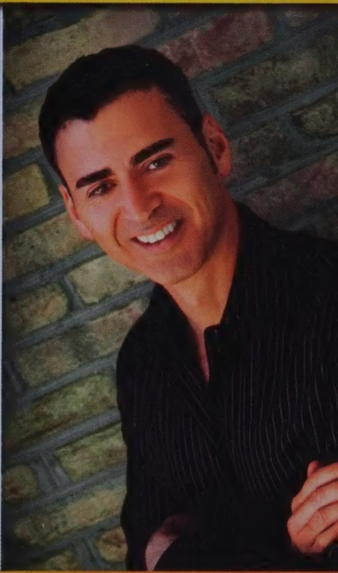

by Ryan Lee

THE ROOTS OF

RuPaul

Drag legend returns to ATL for Primal concert

SO MUCH HAS CHANGED ABOUT RUPAUL since his high school days at Atlanta's Northside School of Performing Arts that many of his classmates might have trouble recognizing him at reunions.

But change is universal. The school RuPaul once attended is now called North Atlanta High School, and the city in which RuPaul first discovered himself is now barely recognizable.

"Imagine growing up with someone who you're best friends with, that you're intimate with, and then, over the course of 20 years, they've had full sexual reassignment surgery," RuPaul tells *David* as he heads to Atlanta for a June 25 concert at Primal.

"That's what Atlanta is because it has completely changed physically," he says. "Everything that I knew, all of the people and stuff, they're not there anymore. I have a few people who are still there, but it's so different, and in my lifetime I've never experienced anything at all like that.

"It's crazy, and I doubt if any other city has experienced such transformation," adds RuPaul, who left the city in 1987 "when big business came and took Midtown away from the bohemian people and the bohemian people couldn't afford to live in Midtown anymore."

Returning home and feeling like you're in a foreign land can be tough, but RuPaul says "Atlanta is very near and dear to my heart."

"You know what, at this point, you either accept change, or you live in misery," he says. "I totally accept it, and I still have the memories in my heart."

RUPAUL ARRIVES IN TOWN STILL RIDING THE wave of success from his latest project, "RuPaul's Drag Race" on Logo, which sadly didn't feature any drag queens from Ru's fromer hometown.

"There were some Atlanta queens who came very, very close," RuPaul says. "Atlanta is really a mecca for drag."

RuPaul teamed up with the production company that produced his VH1 talk show in the '90s, and Logo executives signed onto the show immediately.

"It's so rare to have a network buy something as you pitch it to them," says RuPaul, who has been in showbiz for 27 years. "I think my success has really just been sticking with it. I think your number comes up eventually if you stick around long enough, and I've been around a long time."

The last time RuPaul — or any drag queen — brought drag into the mainstream was with his talk show in the '90s, which, not coincidentally, were also politically progressive times.

"It is tied to drag — what people accept, and how open they are is tied to how safe they feel," he says. "Fear had replaced experimentation and openness and acceptance [over the past few years]. Now that's changed and the pendulum has swung in the other direction, and that's a good sign."

ONE THING THAT HASN'T CHANGED ABOUT RuPaul since he was a student at Northside High is his light-hearted outlook on life, after one of his teachers told him not to take life so seriously.

"I've lived my life that way," he says. "When you can look at yourself that way, and not take yourself so seriously, you can really have a fabulous time on this planet."

That outlook has kept RuPaul from getting overwhelmed during difficult personal and political times, and makes him revel in the good times when they roll around. He's optimistic that today is as dynamic a time as in the '60s and '70s in terms of pushing American culture forward.

"There are definite benchmark [eras] that propel people into openness or self-discovery, and those are fun times when people let down their guards and take a chance," he says. "A lot of us from [the '60s and '70s] have remained that way and have tried to hold onto that idea and the whole bohemian creed: love, truth, beauty and — I'm pretty sure there's another one, but that pretty much covers it!"

The drag legend is set to perform songs from his latest CD "Champion" at the Primal concert, which Atlanta Cotillion is hosting as a fundraiser for AID Atlanta.

"It's about the process of owning your hour, and being a champion," RuPaul says. "Not necessarily about being No. 1, but about being the best of what you are, and not basing your being a winner on what other people think of you."

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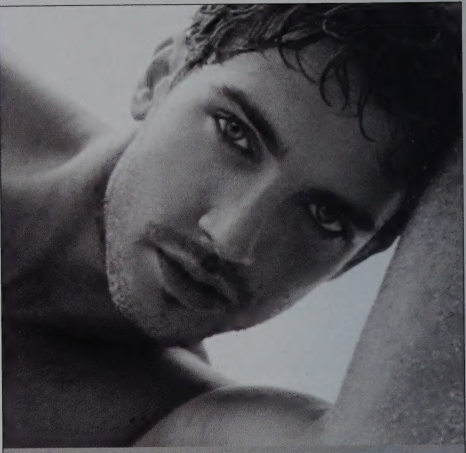

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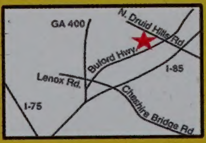

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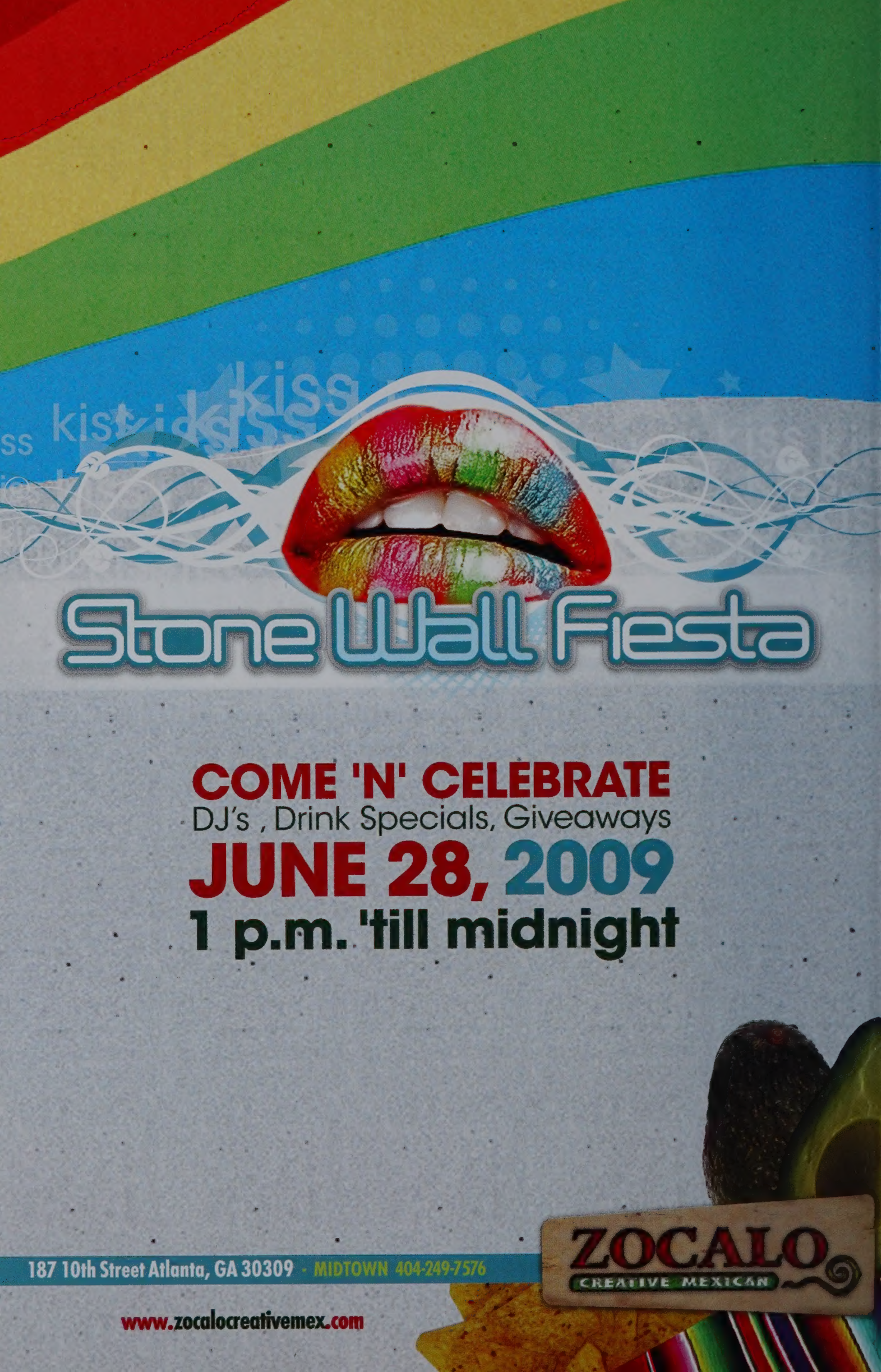

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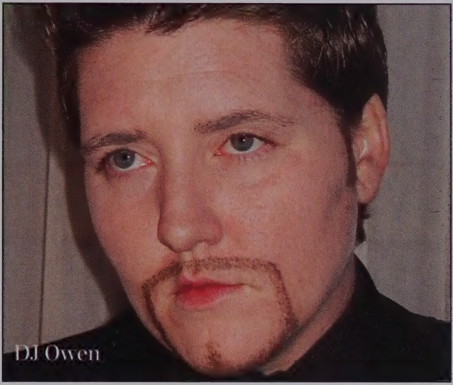
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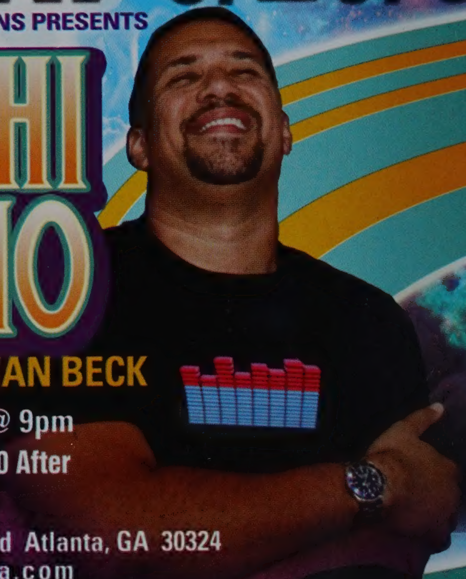

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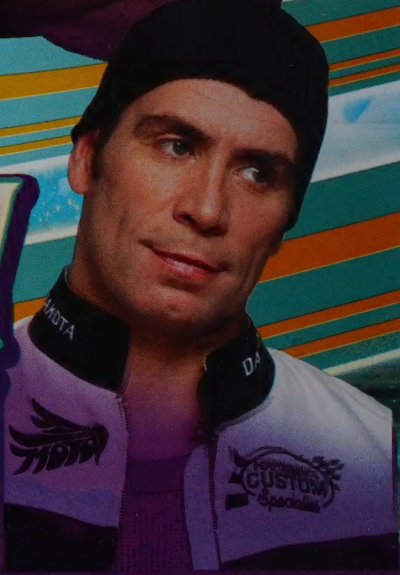

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Hook a Hottie

Looking for a fun way to learn how to make the first move on an attractive guy in the club? Learn fireproof strategies for leaving a spot with the hottest guy around at the **"Attract Hotter Guys"** seminar hosted by *David*'s own **Michael Alvear**, aka **Woody Miller.** *$69, 2-5 p.m. at Telephone Factory Lofts, 828 Ralph McGill Blvd., www.mikealvear.com/seminar*

Michael Alvear

Photo courtesy Alvear

ATL's Next Top Twink

Young adults (and their admirers) will be crowding into **Jungle** to see the young 'uns compete for crown in the **Mr. & Miss YouthPride Pageant.** *7-10 p.m. at Jungle, 2115 Faulkner Road, 404-844-8800, www.myspace.com/jungle_bradwilliams*

Super Rosario

Windy City **DJ Ralphi Rosario** blows into the ATL to kick-off a killer party weekend at the **Heretic (See story, page 20).** *10 p.m. at Heretic, 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road, 404-325-3061, www.hereticatlanta.com*

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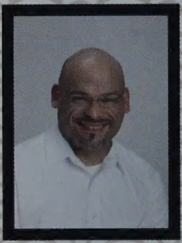
What better way to raise money than in a dress and stilettos.

Michael Gaitan



To become an icon of society who can do good for my community, to represent my family, friends and co-workers, and to be someone to lean on and to perform the task that has been given me. I'm one of the lucky ones, but in ways I'm not. I'm reminded every day why I'm here on this earth, to make people laugh and cry through entertainment. I hope to be an inspiration to my community, both gay and straight. I hope to touch people's lives and to make a positive change in society. One thing I never forget is who I am and where I came from. I was always taught to give, and being a debutante in the AID Atlanta Cotillion is the best way for me do it.

To see who is part of the 2009 debutante class or to donate to your favorite debutante visit our website.

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datebook

Sunday, June 21
Monday, June 22

Sunday:
He-Man(ny)

It's been years since an Atlanta after-hours set has featured the star power of **Manny Lehman**, who brings his international flavor to **Body Shop**, courtesy of **Griffin Productions** and **C2 Productions.** *2:30 a.m. at Body Shop, 2675 Johnson Road, 404-636-1233, www.myspace.com/bodyshopatlanta*

Monday:
'Dog' Pound

There's no better way to celebrate the end of the Monday workday than stopping by **Bulldogs**, home of Atlanta's strongest cocktails. With **$3 well drinks** and **free pool** after 7 p.m., it's one of the cheapest night-on-the-town you can find. *4 p.m. at Bulldogs, 893 Peachtree St., 404-872-3025*

Gigi Monroe

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'Edge' of Insanity

Celebrate the return to Atlanta of one of our favorite drag queens as **GiGi Monroe** joins the cast of **Drag on the Edge at Blake's.** The crazy creative Miss Monroe performs alongside **Alexandria Martin** and **Lady Shabazz** at the unorthodox drag show. *11 p.m. at Blake's, 227 10th St., 404-892-5786, www.myspace.com/blakesonthepark*

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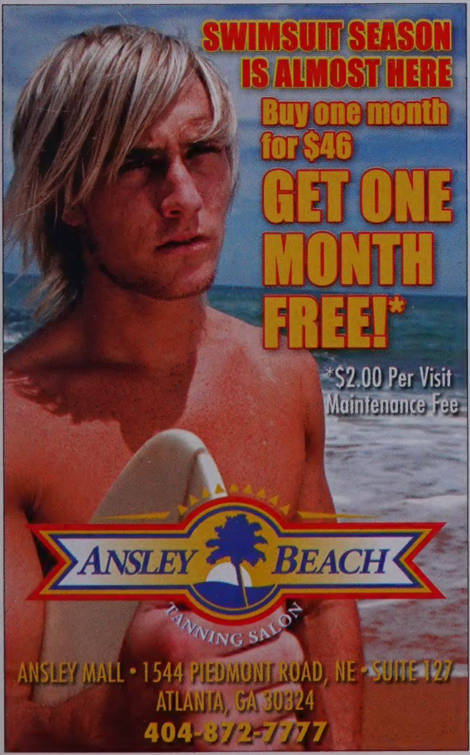
Wednesday:

Rock Hard

Looking to jam out to something other than house music and singing divas? Well rock out with the boys at the **Eagle** as they serve up vintage rock tunes while offering **$2.50 PBR** cans. *9 p.m. at Eagle, 306 Ponce de Leon Ave., 404-873-2453, www.atlantaeagle.com*

Primal Urges

Primal is beginning to look more and more like the gay bar it used to be, as it adds gay nights to its weekly line-up. The latest addition is **Who's Who ATL** moving their **"Obsession Wednesdays"** hip hop party to Primal, where **DJ Truz** will man the 1's and 2's. *10 p.m. at Primal, 960 Spring St., 404-745-9494, www.primalatlanta.com*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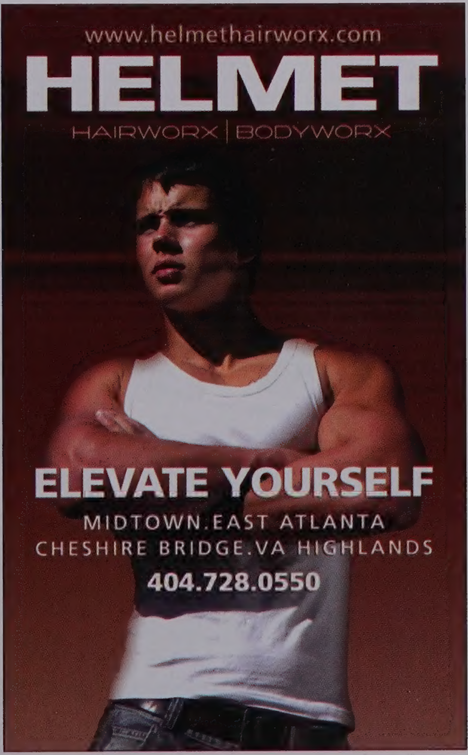
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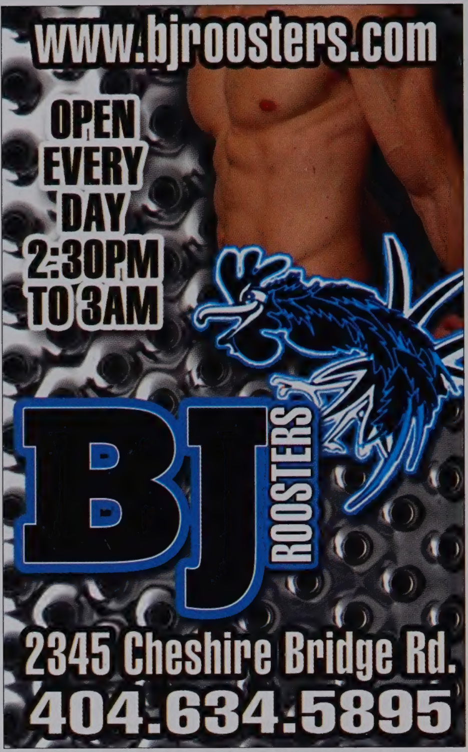

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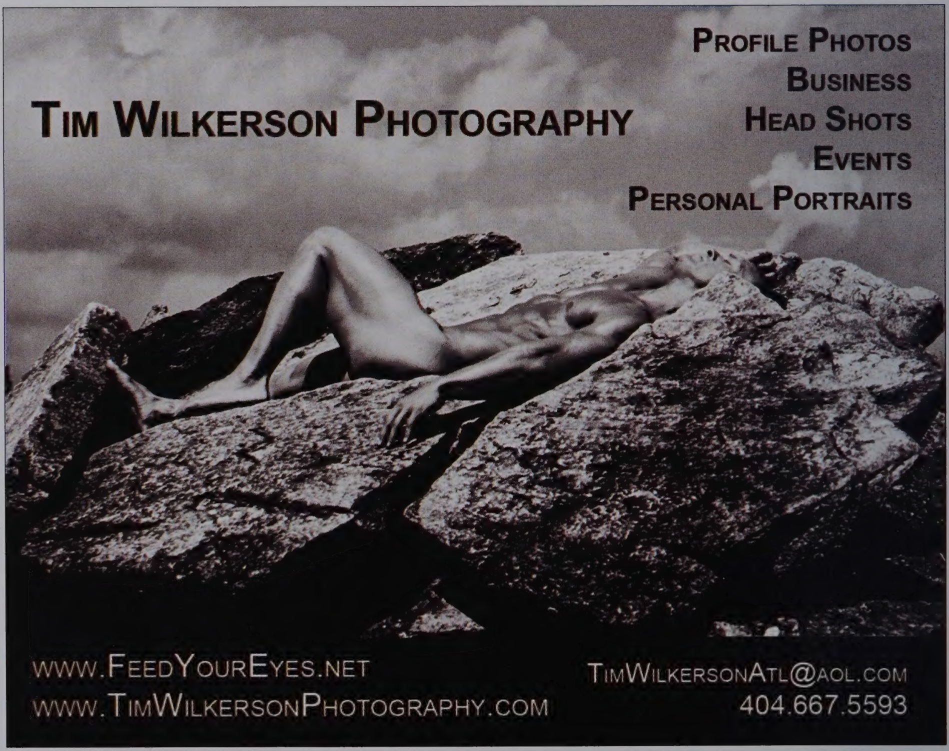

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Amsterdam: Smirnoff specials, all day
Bellissima: Retromix 80s videos
BJ Roosters: Go-Go Dancers
Blake's: Texas Hold'em Poker, 7 p.m. The A-List w/ Shawnna Brooks, 11 p.m.
Bulldogs: Hip hop & R&B, 8 p.m.
Burkhart's: Fashionistas, 11:30 p.m.
Eagle: Underwear Party, 9 p.m.
Felix's: Karaoke, 10 p.m
Friends on Ponce: $3 margaritas
Gilbert's: Wine Tasting, 6:30 p.m.
Heretic: DJ Rick Walsh, 10 p.m.
Joe's on Juniper: Trivia, 8 p.m.
Mary's: Balls Out Party
New Order: Open mic w/ June, 8 p.m.
Opus 1: $5 Martinis
Phase One: Hip hop & strippers, 10 p.m.
Swinging Richards: 2-for1 cover/ VIP
3-Legged Cowboy: Line dancing, 8 p.m
W Midtown: Social ATL's ' Hydrate', 9 p.m.

Friday:

Amsterdam: High energy videos, 9 p.m.
Bellissima: Happy hour 6-9 p.m., DJ at 10 p.m.
BJ Roosters: Go-Go Dancers
Blake's: Kitty's Meow Mix, 11 p.m.
Bodyshop: Dance party, 2 a.m.
Burkhart's: The Mary Edith Pitts Show w/ guests, 11:30 p.m.
Bulldogs: Hip hop & R&B, 8 p.m.
Chaparral: Latin night, 10 p.m.
Club 708: Blackout Friday, 10 p.m.
Club Rain: ManhuntAtlanta, 11 p.m.
Eagle: DJ Brett Long, 9 p.m.
Gilbert's: Live DJ, 11 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Heretic: DJ Rick Walsh, 10 p.m.
Jungle: Latin Spice, 10 p.m.
Le Buzz: Dance party, 10 p.m.
Mary's: Boys' Room party, 9 p.m.
Paris Decatur: Amateurville Drag, 11 p.m.
Stage Door: Texas Hold 'em, 8 p.m. Karaoke, 10 p.m.
Swinging Richards: Naked boys, 9 p.m.
3-Legged Cowboy: No cover. 'Country as We Can Git.'
Tripps: Dance party
Woofs: Daily specials.

Saturday:

Amsterdam: High energy videos, 9 p.m.
Bellisima: Live music, DJs, open 5 p.m.
BJ Roosters: Go-Go Dancers
Blake's: Jealouse's Daring Divas, 11 p.m.
Bodyshop: Dance party, 2 a.m.
Burkhart's: The Mary Edith Pitts Show w/ guests, 11:30 p.m.
Bulldogs: Hip hop & R&B, 8 p.m.
Eagle: DJ Pat Scott, 9 p.m.
Felix's: Karaoke, 10 p.m
Friends on Ponce: Free weenies, noon
Gilbert's: Live DJ, 11 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Heretic: Resident DJ Brian Beck and special guest DJs, 10 p.m.
Jungle: Big-name DJs, 10 p.m.
Le Buzz: Saturday Night Fever w/ Nicole Paige Brooks, 10 p.m.
Mary's: Mary-oke, 10 p.m.
Paris Decatur: Hip-hop, 11 p.m.
Sambroso: Chyna Fox and the Glamazons, 10:30 & 11:30 p.m.
Stage Door: Alternating Tuckerettes & Stage Door divas, 10:30 p.m.
Swinging Richards: Naked boys, 9 p.m.
3-Legged Cowboy: Dance lessons.
Traxx: Swagg Saturday, 11 p.m.
Vita: WassupNATL, 10 p.m.

Sunday:

Amsterdam: Sunday Night Live, 7 p.m.
Bellissima: S.I.N. Sundays, $6 S.I.N. Martinis
BJ Roosters: Go-Go Dancers
Blake's: Big Time Drag Revue, 9 p.m.
Burkhart's: The Armorettes, 9 p.m.
Chaparral: Hip hop & R&B w/My ATL Productions, 10 p.m.
Club Posh: Hip hop & R&B, 8 p.m.
Django: WassupNATL, 6 p.m.
Eros: "Secret Sundays" hip-hop, 8 p.m.
Friends on Ponce: Bloody Mary bar
Gilbert's: Karaoke, 6:30 11:30 p.m.
Opus 1: $5 Bloody Marys
Salvation Sundays: Gay brunch at Maxim Prime, 11 a.m.
Tripps: Free buffet & Karaoke
W Midtown: Social ATL's 'Sol' pool party, 1 p.m.

Monday:

Amsterdam: Video request night, 9 p.m.
BJ Roosters: Go-Go Dancers
Blake's: Drag on the Edge w/ Alexandria Martin, 11 p.m.
Bulldogs: Hip hop & R&B, 8 p.m.
Burkhart's: Sinful Trivia, 8 p.m. Drag All-Stars, 11 p.m.
Eagle: Bear Happy Hour, 6-9 p.m.
Felix's: Free pool.
Friends on Ponce: $3 Long Islands
Gilbert's: Half-price entrees, 5-11 p.m.
Heretic: Free pool and darts, 7 - 10 p.m., DJ at 10 p.m.
Joe's on Juniper: Patio movies, 8 p.m.
Jungle: Stars of the Century w/ Niesha Dupree, 10:30 p.m.
Le Buzz: Industry & movie night, 9 p.m.
Mary's: Big Fat Wii Party
Nickiemoto's: Dragamaki w/ Bubba D. Licious, 8:45 p.m.
Opus 1: $5 Martinis
Paris Decatur: Boys' Singles Night

Stage Door

Blake's

Traxx

Stage Door: $2.50 light beer, free pool
Woofs: Texas Hold 'em, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Amsterdam: Show tunes, 9 p.m.
Beleza: Sophisticated Ladies, 9 p.m.
Blake's: Kitty LeClaw karaoke, 10 p.m.
Burkhart's: Drag All-Stars, Family Feud & Karaoke, 11 p.m.
Chaparral: Tipsy Tuesday, 10 p.m.
Felix's: Wii with Dee, 10 p.m.
Friends on Ponce: All-day Miller Lite & martini specials
Gilbert's: Free appetizer w/ drink purchase, 6-8 p.m.
Joe's on Juniper: Team Trivia w/ Tom & Mo, 8 p.m.
Jungle: 2-step lessons, 7 p.m.
LeBuzz: 3-way & Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Mary's: Mary-oke, 10 p.m.
Social Tuesdays: Check Socialatl.com for weekly venues
Swinging Richards: $5 cover
Woofs: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday:

Amsterdam: Long Island specials
Bellissima: Texas Hold'em, 7 p.m.
Blake's: The Hook-Up, text flirt
Burkhart's: Karaoke, 11:30 p.m.
Friends on Ponce: All-day Coors Lite, margarita specials
Gilbert's: Karaoke, 10 p.m.
Heretic: Boys' Night Out, 10 p.m.
LeBuzz: The Hump Show, 9 p.m.
Mark Ultra Lounge: Hip-hop, 10 p.m.
Mary's: The Honey Pot, indie pop for burly men and admirers
Primal: Hip hop & R&B, 10 p.m.
Stage Door: $3 well drinks & wine
Swinging Richards: $5 cover and 2-for-1 VIP rooms
Tripps: Free taco bar, 5 p.m.

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bar guide

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502 Amsterdamn Ave.

2. Bazzaar
654 Peachtree St.

3. Beleza Cocktail Lounge
905 Juniper St.

4. Bellissima
560 Amsterdam Ave.

5. Blake's on the Park
227 10th St.

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2345 Cheshire Bridge Road

7. The Body Shop
2675 Johnson Road

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893 Peachtree St.

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1492-F Piedmont Road

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1287 Glenwood Ave.

27. Mixx
1492-B Piedmont Ave.

28. Model T
699 Ponce de Leon Ave.

29. New Order
1544 Piedmont Road

30. Opus 1
1086 Alco St.

31. Paris Decatur
308 W. Ponce de Leon

32. Phase One
4933 Memorial Dr.

33. Stage Door
4431 Hugh Howell Road, Tucker

34. Swinging Richards
1400 Northside Dr.

35. 3 Legged Cowboy
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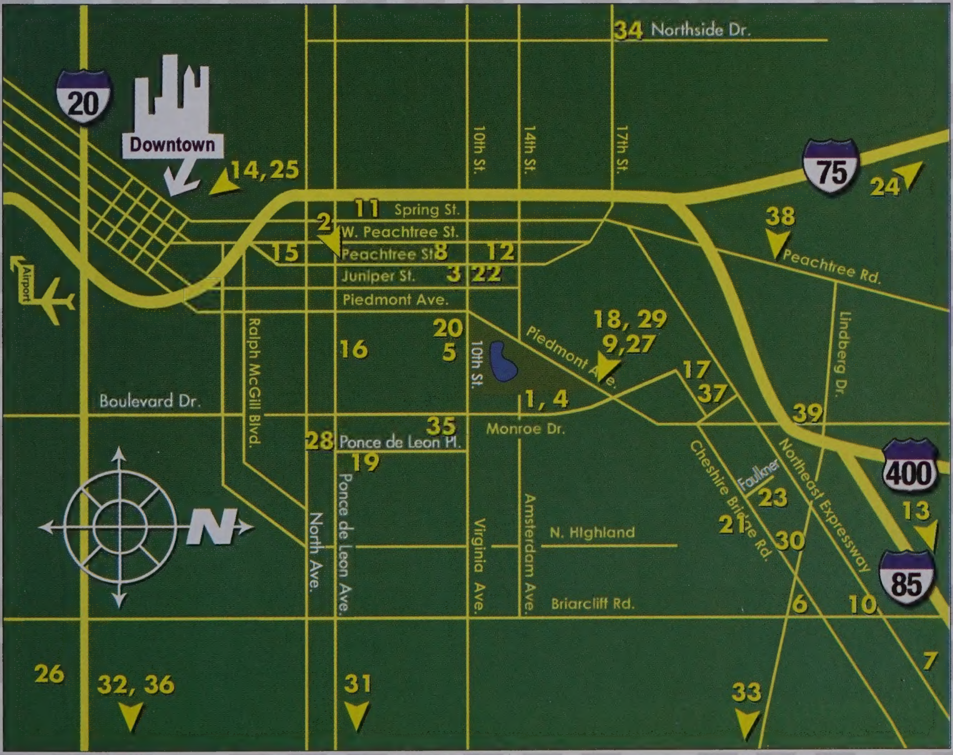
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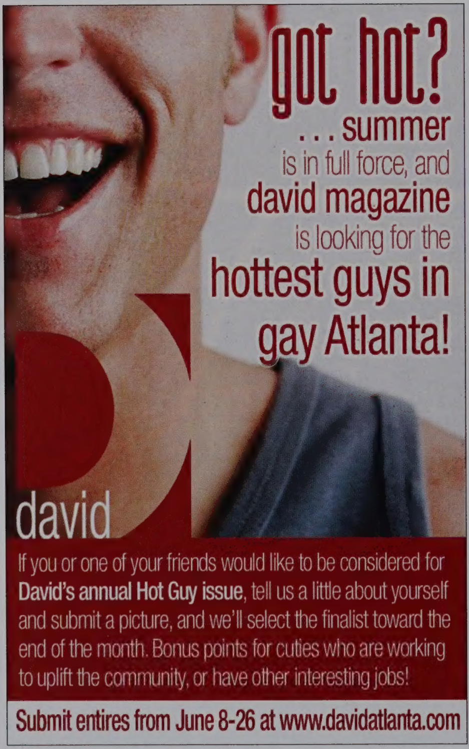
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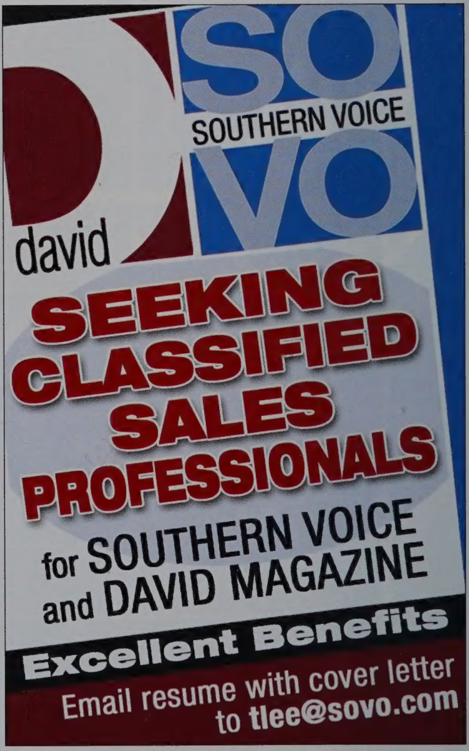
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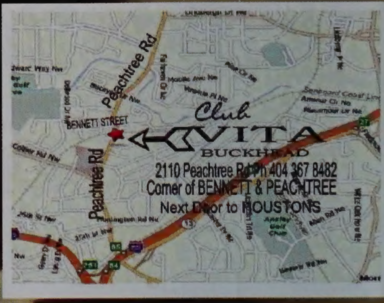
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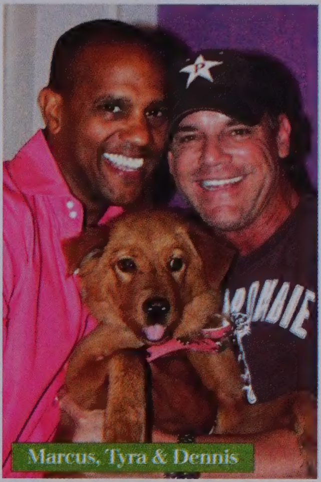

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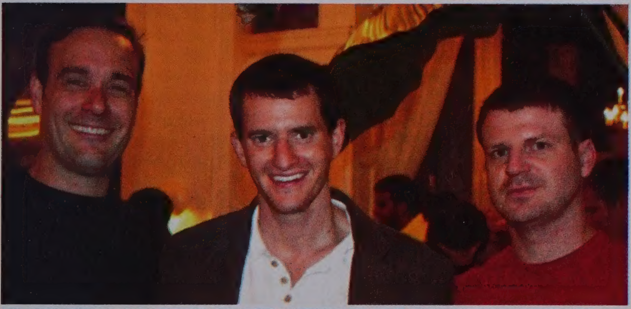

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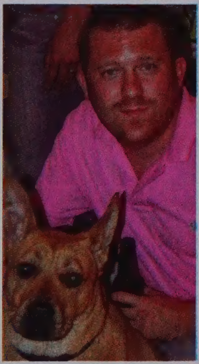

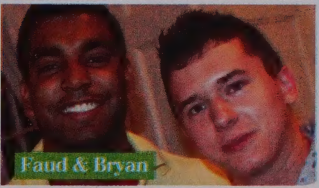

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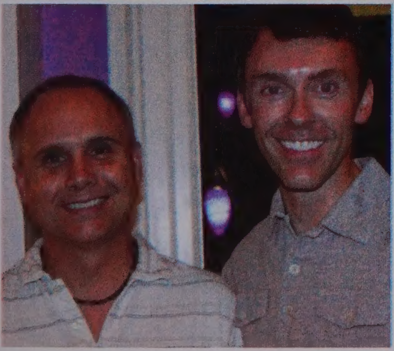

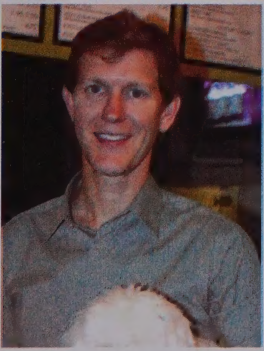

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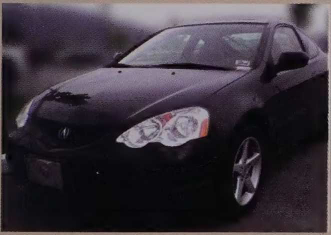

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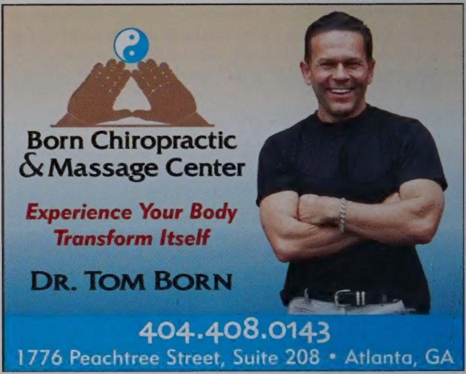

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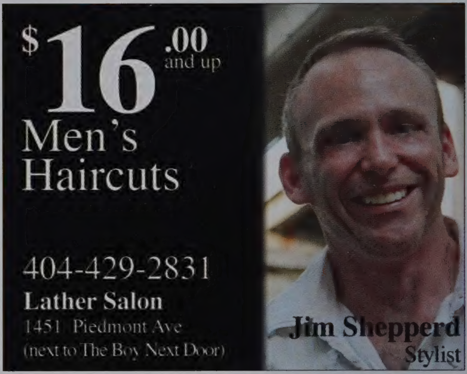

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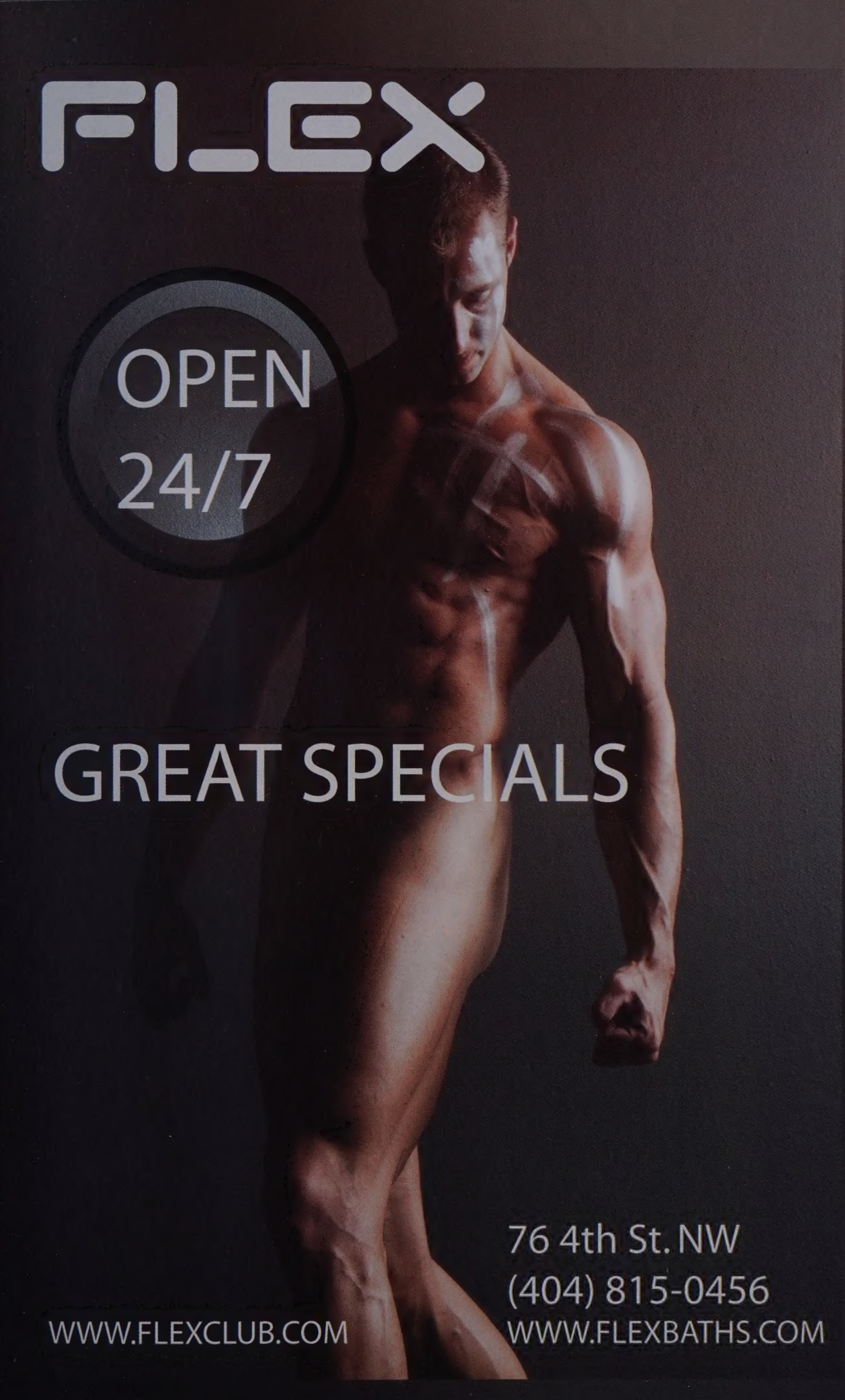

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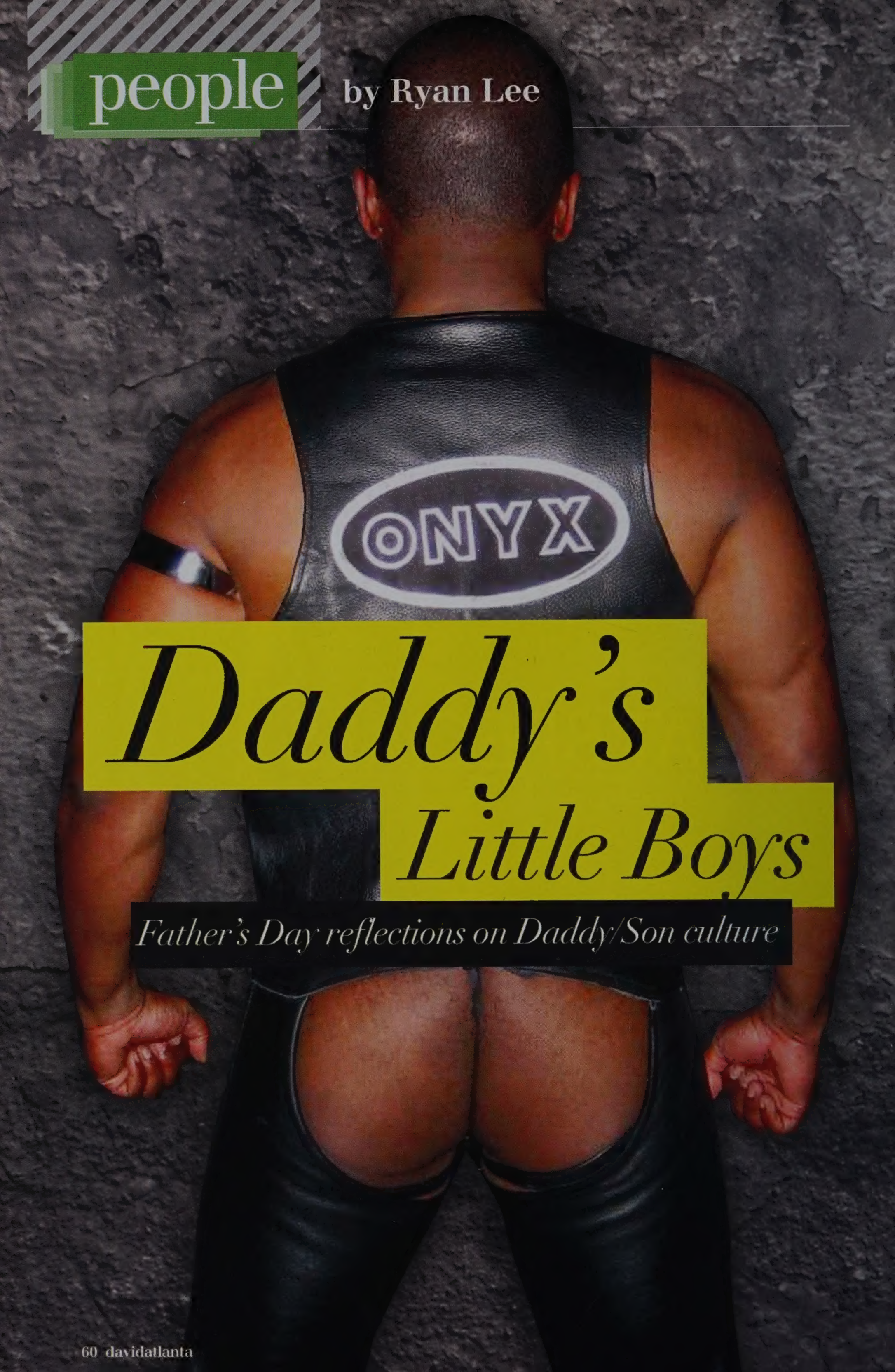
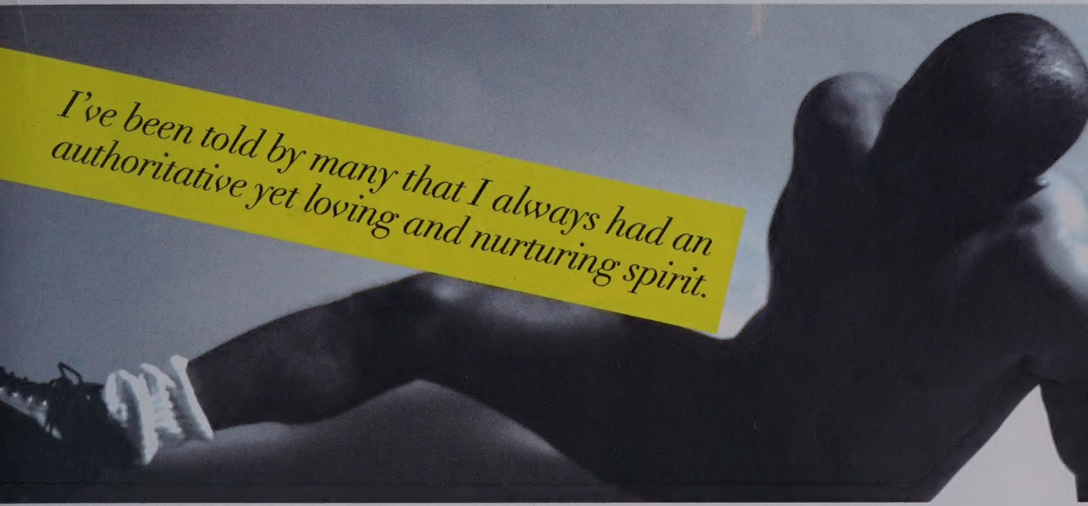


Daddy's Little Boys

Father's Day reflections on Daddy/Son culture



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IN HONOR OF FATHER'S DAY, WE'D LIKE TO offer best wishes to all of the Daddies in Atlanta!

For folks who might not be entirely familiar with the Daddy/Son culture, we chatted with Rodney B., a member of the black gay leather group Onyx, and a Daddy to 10 lucky boys.

David: **What does being a Daddy mean to you?**

Rodney B.: Being a Daddy to me is providing that love and nurturing spirit to those who sincerely seek what they may have not gotten from their real fathers and/or not being mentored wisely in the overall gay lifestyle. I take it very seriously because I was blessed enough to have men mentor me as I was becoming more acclimated in the gay world and especially when I started becoming more interested in the Leather lifestyle!

How did you evolve into that role? Was there a moment of realizing you were a Daddy, or did you always have those traits within you?

I've been told by many that I always had an authoritative yet loving and nurturing spirit. I will admit I love to educate and I am very loving.

For folks who might not be familiar with the specifics of Daddy culture, can you explain some of the nuances?

Well, for me, the dynamic of the relationship really depends on my sons. I have 10 of them and love them all dearly.

I think you can't deny the fact that there is some sexual dynamic to it. But, for me, it's more non-sexual than it is sexual and I do it for a specific reason.

What's very key in any relationship, especially with a Daddy/Son relationship, is communication. What each expects out of this relationship (i.e. all sex, more sex or more nurturing and truly a non-sexual Daddy/Son relationship). This will eliminate lots of drama! [Laughs]

Let's have some fun and explore how you express being a Daddy in your sexuality: What could a guy expect from a sexual encounter with you?

Again it goes back to my nurturing attributes. I'm always in teacher mode it seems. [Laughs] And it can be fun depending on the guy that expresses interest. Every experience is unique.

What was once a fantasy that you had, that you eventually made come true?

Mmmm. [Laughs] I can't say. It's too kinky for print. [Laughs again]. But I will say it did define my sexuality and made me more sexually free.

What are some key elements to being a good Daddy in the bedroom?

Mmmm. Well that depends on the guy you are with and how far he wants to go sexually. I mean just taking your time with him. Don't rush things and really talk with him about what he wants to do and wants to learn. From there you can really set the tone of how the evening will go.

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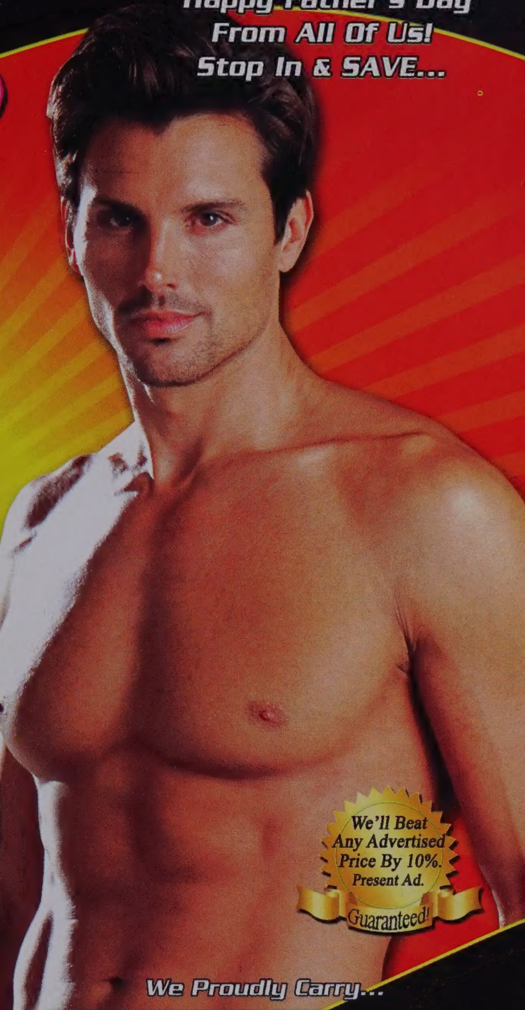

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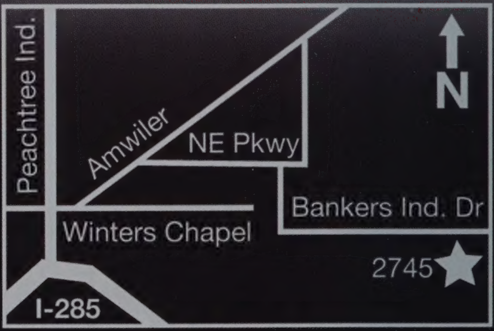
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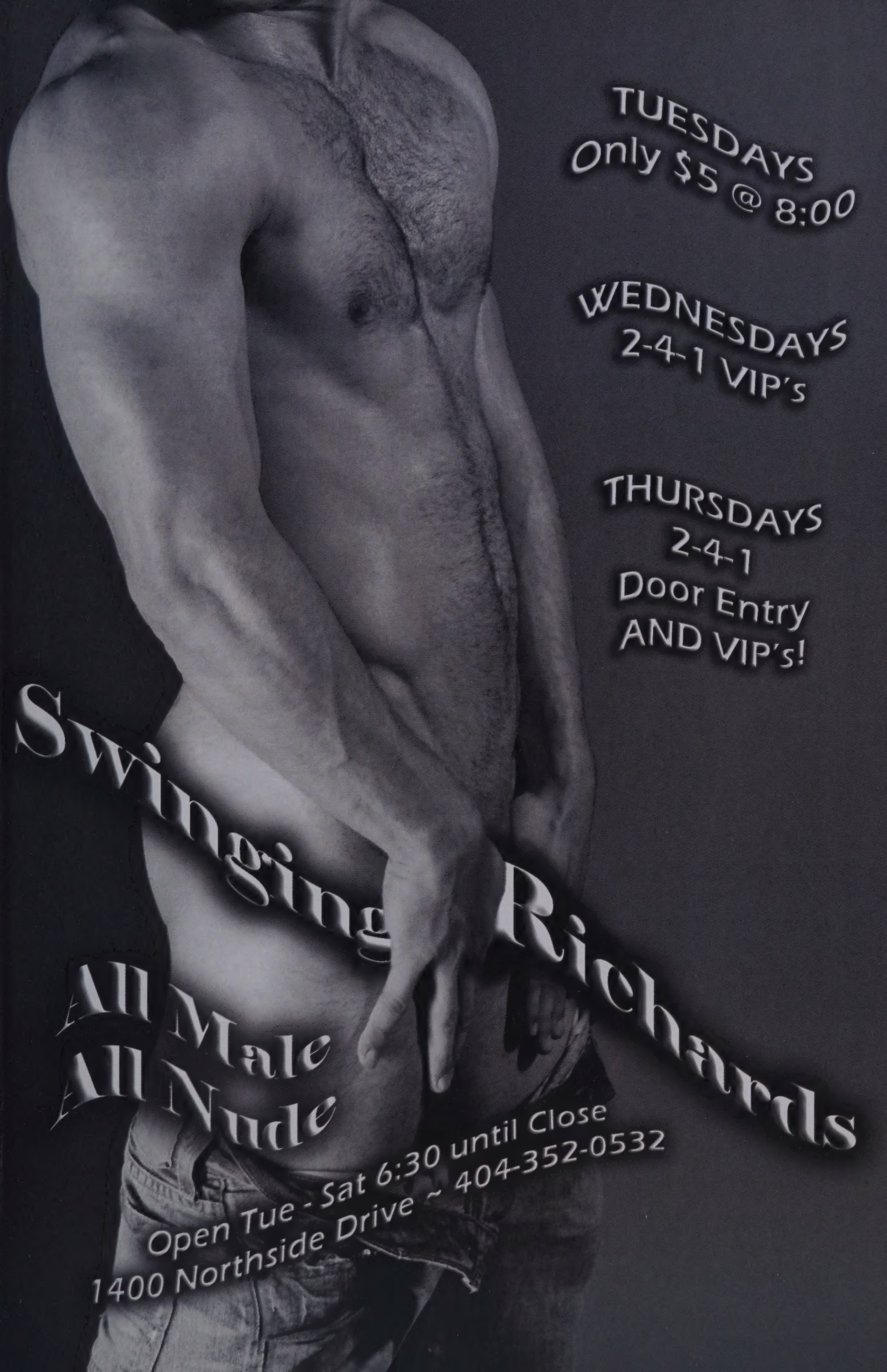

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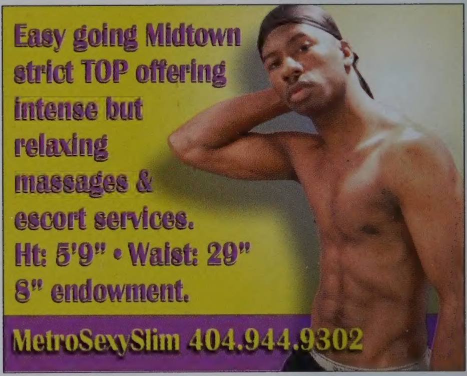
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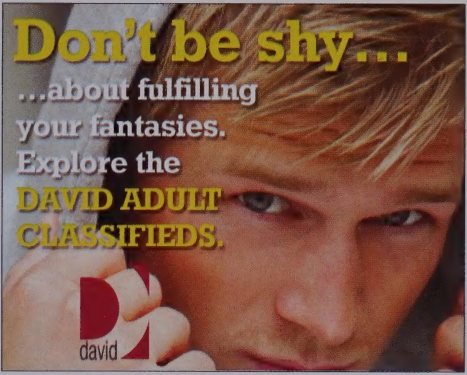
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Whaddaya mean no one wants to look at gnarly toes? Speak for yourself, you anti-fetish fascist!

Will someone please bitch slap the next obnoxious queen that begins a sentence with the words sweetie, darling, honey or Mary? If we do it enough, maybe they'll stop.

Hey Dick Cheney, thanks for your support for gay marriage, your party will get my vote in 2010 and 2012.
Bitch Boy responds: Looks like you were desperate for an excuse to be a jackass.

HRC just sucks. They should be ashamed of themselves and start giving back all the contributions they have taken from the community.

Marriage is for the insecure.

A real power bottom doesn't need poppers.

Gay marriage is not really a priority for me, but it would be nice to get action on immigration rights for same-sex life partners. You shouldn't have to exile yourself to another country to be with the one you love.

So what if I think watching the Tony's is hotter than watching porn. Don't judge me!

The Government Accounting Office has identified 1,138 federal laws bestowing benefits, rights, and privileges to heterosexual-only married couples. Separate and UN-equal is not cool.

J. Lo's a has-been with a big ass, nothing more.

Hugh Jackman can go berserk on me anytime! He looks so yummy!

Either I'm a fatty or Atlanta's club scene is slacking off because I can't count how many times Waffle House is the highlight of our "boys night out."

What is it with all of these gay boys claiming "we did so much" to get Obama elected and now he's forgetting about us? Bitch, every gay establishment and nelly queen couldn't get enough of Hillary, so don't try to act like YOUR loyalty has been betrayed.

Bitches, the only place flip-flops belong is on the beach or in the gym shower. I hope some drunk guy crushes your fucking toes in the club.

I've got relatives in their 70s that don't have wrinkles because they took proper care of their skin early in life without having surgery and baldness isn't an issue in my family!

Re: "Try working on learning how to be monogamous first!" I've been in a monogamous relationship for eight years. Do I qualify now?

I love summertime too, but I'll see your foot fetish and raise you a calves fetish. Love me some meaty calves.

Why is it the bitches who are never in a relationship are the first one's to give other people advice about their "no good man"? Maybe it's because guys who are in relationships know not to butt into anyone else's. Mind your business bitch!

You just kept getting more tragic by the second: first you fall on your ass in the middle of the club, then you lay on the ground with your arms and legs in the air like you've had a stroke, then you have to be helped up by the security guard, then you almost tipped over because your eyes were in the back of your head, then as the security guard kept you from falling you handed him the big ass bag of coke you were holding in your hand.
Bitch boy responds: Damn.

It's so tacky for you to troll through my friend's list on Facebook and hit up every guy with the same lame message. What a cyber slut.

Honey, if you spend one more minute in the sun you're going to look like an Oompa Loompa.

Thank you, David, for the hot guy you hooked me up with on MARTA last Friday! You're such an easy ice breaker and I'm never getting on a train without you again!
Bitch boy responds: Ooh, I'm getting verklemmt! You make me so proud!

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